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Willem P. C. Stemmer *et al.*

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Filed: November 9, 1999

For: MODIFIED RIBULOSE 1,5-
BISPHOSPHATE
CARBOXYLASE/OXYGENASE FOR
IMPROVEMENT AND OPTIMIZATION
OF PLANT PHENOTYPES

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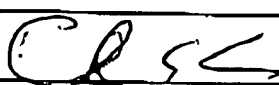
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 28, 2001 Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for useful insight and comments provided during a telephonic interview conducted with Applicants' representative Christopher Holman on March 6, 2002.

AMENDMENT**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification by replacing the title with the following:

"Methods for Obtaining a Polynucleotide Encoding a Polypeptide Having Rubisco Activity."

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims by substituting the following claims for the corresponding previously pending claims of the same numbers:

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